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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Please Cancel Claim 34, which was inadvertently added as a dependent claim of independent Claim 32. Cancellation of Claim 34 places Claims 20-33 and 35-39 in a condition for allowance as suggested by the examiner in the office action dated 12/10/2002.

Briefly summarizing the previous amendment, and the reasons for the cancellation of Claims 1, 2, 4-16, 18 and 19 and the addition of previously new Claims 20-39 (and excepting now canceled Claim 34).

Claims 1, 2, 4-16, 18 and 19 were pending. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-15, 18 and 19 were rejected. The examiner indicated that Claims 7 and 16, respectively, contain allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form with any intervening claims. Claims 1, 2, 4-16, 18 and 19 were canceled without prejudice and New Claims 20-39 were added per the examiner's suggestion..

New Claim 20 is an independent claim combining previously amended Claim 1 with previously amended dependent Claims 9 and 16, respectively. The examiner indicated that Claim 16 possessed allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form, which includes the incorporation of former Claim 16 (depending from Claim 9), Claim 9 (depending from Claim 1) and Claim 1. Dependent Claims 21-31 are dependent upon a Claim (Claim 20) considered allowable by the examiner, therefore Claims 21-31 are also considered allowed.


New Claim 32 is an independent claim combining previously amended Claim 1 with previously amended dependent Claim 7. The examiner indicated that Claim 7 possessed

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allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form, which includes the incorporation of Claim 7 (depending from Claim 1) and Claim 1. Dependent Claims 33 and 35-39 are dependent upon a Claim (Claim 32) considered allowable by the examiner, therefore Claims 33 and 35-39 are also considered allowed.

Therefore, in view of foregoing amendments and clarifications, the applicant submits that allowance of the present application and all remaining claims, as amended, is in order and is requested.

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